



# OFBCI News

*How you can help with disaster relief efforts.*

**Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives**

**Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor**

**James F. Huston, Executive Director**

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**Disaster strikes southeastern Indiana.**

"Once again Mother Nature has dealt harshly with Indiana. Our every thought is with those we've lost and those who have suffered. Our every



thought is with those we've lost and those who have suffered. We've learned so much and improved so much in disaster preparedness, warning systems and responder communications but still we are no match for Mother Nature at her worst."

**-- Governor Mitch Daniels in response to the recent storms in Southern Indiana (pictured above with former FEMA director, David Paulison)**



*Pictured above: damage inflicted by an F-1 tornado to Newburgh, Indiana.*

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## How you can help

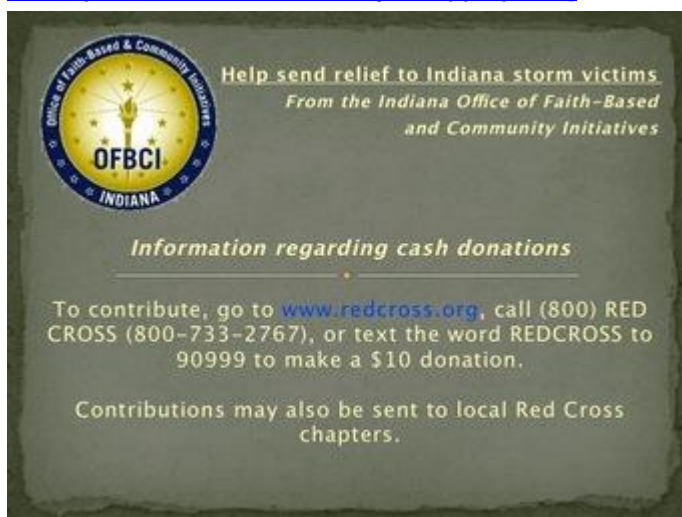
The Indiana Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives encourage all Hoosiers wanting to help, to consider making donations to The American Red Cross.

To contribute, go to [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org), call (800) RED CROSS (800-733-2767) or text the word REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation.

Contributions may also be sent to local Red Cross chapters.

“As you are mindful of the Hoosier families affected, and those across the midwest, please be reminded that the re-building process will take time,” **said Jim Huston, Executive Director of the Indiana OFBCI.** “I will again be in touch with you to offer more suggestions of ways you may help, including ways to assist the many faith and community organizations who partner with Indiana in time of disaster. Please keep our first responders in your thoughts and prayers.”

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## Hoosiers asked to report damage from severe weather

INDIANAPOLIS – Hoosiers, who sustained damage caused by severe weather that began Thursday, March 1, are being asked to report damage online by visiting [www.in.gov/dhs](http://www.in.gov/dhs) and clicking on “Citizen Damage Reports for March Severe Weather” in the middle of the page under “Topics of the Day.” [\[Read the full Indiana DHS press release by clicking here\]](#)

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## News that is useful to you:

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## OFBCI message to faith leaders

The devastating tornados that ripped across southern Indiana on Friday caused death, injury and destruction to hundreds of Hoosier families. Our thoughts remain with those who have suffered the loss of loved ones, those who were injured, and the hundreds of families and their communities that have endured the loss of homes, belongings, and basic infrastructure... [\[read the full email by clicking here\]](#)

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